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Madame Chairman and members of the committee.

My name is Phillip Benjamin, and I am from Missoula. I receive supports from Opportunity Resources through the Home and Community Based Services Program.

I have been in the program for 8 years. Opportunity Resources helps me with managing my money so I have the funds that I need for groceries and other items. They also help me with getting to important appointments and provide transportation for me to get to work.

I am also a janitor for Opportunity. I work four days a week. I empty garbage's, vacuum, and clean tables window etc. I like my job as a janitor and I like my supervisor Ben. He tells me I do a good job. If I wanted someone to be my supervisor I would want that person to be Ben. Without Ben supervising me I don't feel secure working. He gives me jobs that he knows are right for me at the right time of day. It is important for me to have a place like Opportunity and a supervisor like Ben to help me do the best that I can, and get a good paycheck so that I can afford the things that I need.

I come to you today to ask you to support Home and Community Based Services funding so that I can continue to receive the supports and services that I get from Opportunity Resources.

Thank you for the opportunity to talk with you today about these important services that I receive.

Phillip Benjamin
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